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COMMISSION EXTENDS FORM 477 FILING DEADLINE FOR ENTITIES OPERATING IN ALABAMA, LOUISIANA AND MISSISSIPPI

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Form 477 requires certain entities ("reporting entities") to file this form on September 1, 2005.¹ Reporting entities include (1) facilities-based providers of broadband connections to end user locations, (2) providers of wired or fixed wireless local telephone services, and (3) providers of mobile telephony services.² Form 477 requires a reporting entity to file a form for each state in which the reporting entity operates and to provide specific information regarding that entity's operations.³

Due to the devastation caused by hurricane Katrina, President Bush issued a major disaster declaration for Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama on August 29, 2005.⁴ Pursuant to our authority to waive rules for good cause⁵ and to alleviate any additional burden that may be caused by our reporting requirements, we grant reporting entities that operate in those three states an additional 60 days, until October 31, 2005, to file the Form 477 for those states. In addition, to the extent that any reporting entity relies on personnel, facilities, or records located in one of those states to compile or file a Form 477 for a certain state, those reporting entities are also granted an additional 60 days, until October 31, 2005 to file the Form 477 for that state.⁶

¹ Form 477 Instructions § IV.A.1, available at <http://www.fcc.gov/Forms/Form477/477instr.pdf>.

² See Form 477 Instructions § II.

³ Form 477 Instructions § III.A, Line 4. For example, providers of wired or fixed wireless local telephone services must identify the total lines and channels that they provide to end users in a state. See Form 477 Instructions § III.D, Line A.II-1(a).

⁴ See <http://www.fema.gov/news/disasters/fema> (August 31, 2005). We recognize that President Bush also issued a Major Disaster Declaration for the state of Florida on August 28, 2005. We do not extend the relief granted in this public notice to entities operating in the state of Florida, because the telecommunications infrastructure in Florida was not subject to the same level of destruction as was the infrastructure in parts of Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama.

⁵ See 47 C.F.R. § 1.3.

⁶ We grant these extensions pursuant to our delegated authority under sections 0.91 and 0.291 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91, 0.291

Reporting entities that file after the September 1, 2005 deadline and that are covered by this public notice should reference this public notice in part IV of their Form 477.⁷

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⁷ See Form 477 Instructions § III.F (Explanations and Comments); Form 477 Part IV (Explanations and Comments), available at <http://www.fcc.gov/formpage.html>.